

### REMARKS

The specification is amended to place it in optimal form for examination. Favorable Examination on the merits is now requested.

Points to note regarding the amendments to the specification are as follows:

(1) Deletion of reactive derivative on pages 50 and 52

In the synthesis of amides, usually a reactive derivative of carboxylic acid is subject to a reaction with an amine compound. Thus, this amendment is made so as to delete the unnecessary description about reactive derivative of amines.

(2) Deletion of scheme of page 104

In the Examples, other than Example 8, the deleted scheme is not described. Thus, this amendment deletes the scheme of Example 8, so as to conform with the other Examples.

(3) Correction of MS spectrum data from "391" to "392" in compound 49 on page 151

This is a correction of a clerical error.

(4) Addition of "or 31" on page 166

Without Example 31, the compounds of Table 6 can be synthesized. Example 26 includes a cyclization method using phenylthiourea and an alkylation method wherein two alkyl groups are introduced at the same time, while Example 31 includes a cyclization method using *N,N'*-carbonyldiimidazole and an alkylation method using a protective group for an amino group.

Thus, the compounds of Table 6 can be synthesized by using either one of the combination of cyclization methods and alkylation methods described in Examples 26 and 31.

(5) Correction of the Compound of Example 117 in Table 7 on page 191

After filing the present application, a NOE (Nuclear Overhauser Effect) spectrum was obtained for this compound in order to determine whether the methyl group was attached to a

hydroxy group or to the imidazole's nitrogen atom. As a result, we found that one of the methoxy groups is a hydroxy group and both nitrogen atoms of the imidazole ring are substituted with a methyl group. A Declaration presenting this NOE data and therefore showing this correction is necessary, is attached.

(6) Corrections to Example 152 on pages 217-218

These amendments were made to correct the nomenclature of these compounds, however the compounds themselves are not changed.

(7) Correction to the Compound of Example 208 in Table 21 on page 261

The original structure of this compound contained an inadvertent clerical error in the positions of the cyano group and the methoxy group. The positions of these substituents are reversed to correctly indicate the structure of this compound. Further, the naming of this compound is corrected.

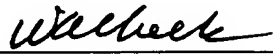
(8) All other amendments were performed in order to correct obvious errors and typographical mistakes.

No new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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